Yahoo Group Archive: SONYICFSW20

Yahoo Group summary: SONY ICF-SW20 SHORTWAVE RADIO

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1. Welcome to the group

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2006-01-23 03:52:27 UTC
From: swradiofreak
Topic: 1 Message: 1

Thanks for joining...Let us know if you are looking for a radio or need parts and we will start this ball rolling !!

Regards,
Jay

2. 7 pages of Replacement Parts for the SW20

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2006-01-23 04:01:40 UTC
From: swradiofreak
Topic: 2 Message: 2

The link is in the LINKS section of the group

5. SONYICFSW20

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2006-02-01 02:26:47 UTC
From: mkang367
Topic: 5 Message: 5

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Lean on battery and great portable!

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6. Re: SONYICFSW20 & ICFSW22

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2006-02-02 12:31:57 UTC
From: swradiofreak
Topic: 5 Message: 6

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7. Re: [SONYICFSW20] Digest Number 2

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2006-02-06 02:28:14 UTC
From: Ang Ming Kuang
Topic: 7 Message: 7

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Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2006-02-09 07:42:43 UTC
From: swradiofreak
Topic: 7 Message: 8

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9. Re: [SONYICFSW20] Digest Number 4

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2006-02-10 02:30:59 UTC
From: Ang Ming Kuang
Topic: 9 Message: 9

Jay:

Thank for your reply.

My nephew has just gotten the antenna in Japan and will bring back in March.

I will try how it will improve the reception of SW stations.

Currently I am using the compact antenns AN-71 in the office and at home, reception is weak during the day but it's better in the evening. Can get major station like BBC,VOA,CRI,ABC,AIR,NHK etc.

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10. Re: Digest Number 2 AN-LP1

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2006-04-03 02:30:54 UTC
From: mkang367
Topic: 7 Message: 10

Hi Jay:

To inform just get the active antenna from my nephew from Japan last weekend and manage to hook-up with Sony SW100 & Sony ICF 7600GR. SW reception impproved even during the day and very strong just after dusk. Able to pick up almost all major broadcasting station starting from 41m band.

The antenna controller is as small as SW100 and just sharing battery from radio sets when connected. Will try with analogue sets eg: SW11 & SW22 and see how it goes later.

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11. EUROPEAN AMPLITUDE MODULATION AMATEUR RADIO GROUP

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2006-09-10 13:36:11 UTC
From: gvastianos
Topic: 11 Message: 11

EUROPEAN AMPLITUDE MODULATION AMATEUR RADIO GROUP

NEW YAHOO GROUP: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eamarg/

This is a group for licenced amateur radio operators (HAMs) who are interested in the AMPLITUDE MODULATION (AM) mode of communications. The group exists to promote the AM operation in the HAM bands and provide information about operating events and technical matters.

EAMARG encourages regional AM activity insuring there is AM available somewhere on the amateur bands. Based on the fact that the majority of the AM calling frequencies in USA belong outside the european HF bandplans... one of the EAMARG main goals is to help in the establishment of AM calling frequencies that will be compatible with the HF bandplans of the european countries.

EAMARG future plans including the sponsorship of operating events and contests that will promote the use of Amplitude Modulation.

In order to join this group YOU MUST BE a licenced radio amateur. Only membership requests that include name and valid callsign will be accepted.

13. ANY BROKEN ICF-SW20's OUT THERE....LET US KNOW

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2006-11-21 12:46:48 UTC
From: swradiofreak
Topic: 13 Message: 13

If anybody has a broken SW20 and would like to try to fix it let the group know and we can help with trcking down parts, alternate solutions and technical advise.

14. Re: ANY BROKEN ICF-SW20's OUT THERE....LET US KNOW

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2007-01-07 06:41:11 UTC
From: Robert Sillett
Topic: 13 Message: 14

My ICF-SW20 is somewhat broken.

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unless I squeeze the radio with my hand(s). I've taken apart the
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Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2007-01-08 02:38:02 UTC
From: swradiofreak
Topic: 13 Message: 15

Bob,

That is a baffling problem...I have a Sangean radio I have used on the beach and it too had the same problem, However only on FM...This is not a technical solution for the problem, But one day I squeezed it extra hard (I was getting a little frustrated) and the problem went away...

Also, Have you checked the battery terminals for any foriegn substance...a little steel wool,sandpaper or an emory board work great for "buffing" them up and allowing a full connection to bare metal...Hope this helps.

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16. ICF-SW22

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2007-02-06 10:42:46 UTC
From: swradiofreak
Topic: 16 Message: 16

Just purchased a Brand New ICF-sw22 from a store in Japan...I will update once it arrives...

17. battery cover

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2007-11-13 07:31:25 UTC
From: freeloader_2001
Topic: 17 Message: 17

Hello, I'm so happy to have found this group.

I found my sw20 in the trash on recycling day.

It looked to be in awful shape (mold eating the lanyard, rust eating the speaker mesh).
But I put batteries in and low-and-behold!

The push buttons (especially for FM) need to be
persuaded sometimes.

Earlier this year, while I was stuck in a refugee camp at the Thai-Burma border for 5 days because of the rain, the thing really kept me company.

In short, I've grown fond of it, and was wondering if anyone could tell me how to get a hold of a cover for the battery compartment, which I'm missing?

18. Re: battery cover

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2007-11-16 20:20:54 UTC
From: swradiofreak
Topic: 17 Message: 18

Hello

Welcome new member....Try this link to Partstore.com I believe the battery cover is $3.95 US plus shipping. Please let us know how you make out.

Jay

http://www.partstore.com/GetModel.aspx?MfgName=Sony&BrandName=Sony&ModelNumber=ICFSW20&page=3

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19. service manual

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2007-11-17 04:59:31 UTC
From: freeloader_2001
Topic: 19 Message: 19

I found a service manual in pdf and put it in files, in case anyone's interested.

20. Experiences & a question

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-02-21 16:36:27 UTC
From: Noël Cotter
Topic: 20 Message: 20

Just stumbled across this group!

I bought my Sony ICF-SW20 new in 1992 or 1993. I used the earphone to a moderate extent. At some point things quit working properly and I thought the earphone jack had given out due to metal fatigue. I took the radio apart and discovered that rather than the jack being at fault there was a crack in the solder under it. I reflowed the solder and have had no problems since.

Here's why I bought the radio. While I was looking for SW coverage the feature that caught my eye was the dual conversion. I was particularly interested in this point since I listen to WSUI (University of Iowa NPR station) a lot. During WWII, the FCC shifted WSUI to 910 kHz and it's been a problematic station ever since. The problem is that in a conventional AM radio with a 455 kHz IF, the second harmonic of the IF falls on the frequency of interest while the second harmonic of the frequency of interest falls on the image frequency. Bird whistle and dying elephant moan city! Few radios can handle this! Car radios are immune since they typically use a different IF frequency.

So my Sony ICF-SW20 receives WSUI with no problems. More recently I discovered that the dual conversion feature applies only to SW and not MW. So the Sony must be birdy free simply because it is well laid out.

But since they already had dual conversion for the SW bands, why didn't they do the same with the MW band?

21. Red LED Tuning Light Replacement

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-02-27 13:23:56 UTC
From: swradiofreak
Topic: 21 Message: 21

The red LED tuning lamp burned out on my sw20....Radio Shack has the needed replacement 3mm low intensity T-1 size lamp model # 276-026 for $1.49...Replacement is quick and easy.

22. Re: Experiences & a question

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-06-02 10:41:21 UTC
From: Stephan Grossklass
Topic: 20 Message: 22

--- In SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com, Noël Cotter <unspellable@...> wrote:
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> But since they already had dual conversion for the SW bands, why
> didn't they do the same with the MW band?

It wasn't necessary and in fact would have resulted in worse performance. The "dual conversion light" concept (as I like to call it) of this and related sets is used mainly to improve frequency stability and readout accuracy. Its Achilles heel is the fairly wideband 1st IF, as the 1st LO is fixed in frequency and used to mix down/up a whole band and the desired station is then tuned in with the 2nd LO. On mediumwave, by contrast, a tracking antenna circuit results in fairly narrowband preselection, which greatly improves strong signal handling. (For e.g. the ICF-7601, strong signal handling on shortwave is pretty lousy.)

A frequency on a multiple of the IF would only be a problem if
(a) the LO were running below the reception frequency (2nd LO harmonic!) or
(b) there were both noteworthy generation of harmonics on IF level and bad RF/IF isolation of the mixer.

Stephan

23. Re: Experiences & a question

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-06-02 19:12:52 UTC
From: Noël Cotter
Topic: 20 Message: 23

Guess I never took the time to look into the details of how it was done.

Here locally, we have a station on 910 kHz (5kW at 30 miles) which I listen to a lot. Almost radios are full of birdies on this channel. I talked to the station engineeer about this and he was aware of the problem. Even AM tuners in a good stereo receiver. Some locals have their stereo receiver IF "mistuned" to avoid the problem. The Sony ICFSW20 is one of the very few radios that do not have this problem, for what ever reason, and that is one of the reaons I bought one. Older car radios tend to be immune to it since they traditionally run a 265 kHz IF with a tuned RF stage. I don't know what they are putting in car radios these days.

It does not seem to me that the 2nd LO resolution argument applies to the Sony ICFSW20 in this website since it does not have a digital readout. It might simplfy the tuning capacitor issue though.

I have a Grundig G1000A which is a single conversion pocket radio. I pick up the local 1540 kHz station when I tune to 630 kHz. This station is a blowtorch but it is located 50 miles away so it's not all that strong. It also has the 910 kHz birdie.

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> harmonic!) or
> (b) there were both noteworthy generation of harmonics on IF
> level and bad RF/IF isolation of the mixer.
>
> Stephan
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24. Re: Experiences & a question

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-06-26 14:09:42 UTC
From: Noël Cotter
Topic: 20 Message: 24

I have been contemplating the operation on SW. I note that the band coverage on all SW bands is 650 kHz. If we are using a fixed frequency 1st LO, how does this square with the standard FM IF bandwidth of 200 kHz?

--- In SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com, "Stephan Grossklass" <sgrossklass@...> wrote:
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> harmonic!) or
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>
> Stephan
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25. Re: Experiences & a question

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-08-11 07:26:26 UTC
From: Stephan Grossklass
Topic: 20 Message: 25

--- In SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com, Noël Cotter <unspellable@...> wrote:
>
> I have been contemplating the operation on SW. I note that the band
> coverage on all SW bands is 650 kHz. If we are using a fixed
> frequency 1st LO, how does this square with the standard FM IF
> bandwidth of 200 kHz?

Sony's approach in the ICF-7600A (also found in the Redsun
RD1220) was using a 280 kHz filter, so obviously
sensitivity will drop towards the band edges - but coverage
with reduced sensitivity is still better than none at all
(what the ICF-7600A does receive, it generally receives
well, but the ranges are pretty tight...). The specified
maximum -20 dB bandwidth of a regular 280 kHz filter is
about 650 kHz methinks (more like a little over 510 in real
life for modern-day samples). In later sets like the
ICF-7601 and ICF-SW20 (and I think the '4900 as well, I
don't have the schematic at hand to check) they combined the
signals from two filters having slightly offset specified
center frequencies, i.e. + and -30kHz, and possibly the
filters were extra wide types as well.

Stephan

26. SW dual conversion

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-08-11 12:54:13 UTC
From: Noël Cotter
Topic: 20 Message: 26

When I first saw this receiver the 1st IF frequency for SW was specified as 10.7 MHz. At that time I thought they were simply using the FM IF strip as the first IF for SW. Now that I have a schematic I see that this is not so. The first IF filter consists of a tuned transformer and a pair of what look like over coulpled ceramic 10.7 MHz filters. The typical 10.7 MHz ceramic filter for FM will have a bandwidth on the order of 200 kHz but if over coupled the bandwidth would be inlarged.

But it's still just about the only non-car radio I've seen with out the birdy at 910 kHz. (Car radios typically use a 265 kHz IF and are not subject to this birdy.)

27. Re: SW dual conversion

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-08-12 11:28:27 UTC
From: Stephan Grossklass
Topic: 20 Message: 27

--- In SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com, Noël Cotter <unspellable@...> wrote:
>
> When I first saw this receiver the 1st IF frequency for SW was
> specified as 10.7 MHz. At that time I thought they were simply using
> the FM IF strip as the first IF for SW.

This was indeed the case with older sets like the ICF-5900W
and ICF-6700W. With dropping semiconductor prices and
shrinking sizes, switching the signal paths proved to be
both more expensive and less practical.

> But it's still just about the only non-car radio I've seen with out
> the birdy at 910 kHz. (Car radios typically use a 265 kHz IF and
> are not subject to this birdy.)

Maybe it is a matter of IF choice after all. Common MW
receivers, particularly PLL synthesized ones, typically have an
IF of 450 kHz (in order to be able to use a reference frequency
of 9 or 3 kHz), while the Sony uses 455 kHz.

Stephan

28. Re: AM IF frequency

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-08-12 13:20:07 UTC
From: Noël Cotter
Topic: 20 Message: 28

The traditional IF frequency for MW receivers is 455 kHz. While some SW communication grade recievers used other frequencies, the 455 kHz IF was pretty much universal otherwise. It's the 455 kHz IF that raises the birdy issue at 910 kHz. The frequency of interest is the second harmonic of the IF. The second harmonic of the frequency of interest falls on the image frequency, tec. Take your pick for cause of the birdy.

This is an issue for WSUI in Iowa City which is on 910 kHz. I had a conversation with the station engineer who was well aware of the problem. He said they were moved to 910 kHz during WWII for reasons having to do with the war. he also said that some people in the area had their stero AM receivers deliberately misaligned to get rid of the birdy. The Sony CFSW20 is the only 455 kHz IF receiver I've ever found without the birdy. This statement includes table radios, portables, and stereo sets. I have a Grundig 5 with out the birdy but who knows what the IF is doing as Eton, the manufacturer, is very secretive about what goes on inside their radios.

29. Re: AM IF frequency

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-08-13 08:03:18 UTC
From: Stephan Grossklass
Topic: 20 Message: 29

--- In SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com, Noël Cotter <unspellable@...> wrote:
>
> I have a Grundig 5 with out the birdy but who knows
> what the IF is doing as Eton, the manufacturer, is very secretive
> about what goes on inside their radios.

A G5? Should be dual conversion with 55.845 MHz / 450 kHz
throughout. Same receiving internals as the DE1103.

Stephan

30. Eton

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2008-08-13 13:29:17 UTC
From: Noël Cotter
Topic: 20 Message: 30

Ah! But where do you get a schematic or information about what goes on inside an Eton radio? Eton does not seem to be willing to release such information, a point that I hold against them. For the next radio purchase I will be looking up Sony's high end offerings before I decide.

--- In SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com, "Stephan Grossklass" <sgrossklass@...> wrote:
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> throughout. Same receiving internals as the DE1103.
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> Stephan
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33. speaker

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2009-01-24 17:41:37 UTC
From: john_m_30101
Topic: 33 Message: 33

Where can I find a replacement speaker for my ICF SW20?

34. RE: [SONYICFSW20] speaker

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2009-01-25 04:40:35 UTC
From: Yuting Wan
Topic: 33 Message: 34

Try www.mouser.com

-----Original Message-----
From: SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com [mailto:SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of john_m_30101
Sent: 25 January 2009 4:42 AM
To: SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [SONYICFSW20] speaker

Where can I find a replacement speaker for my ICF SW20?

35. Re: Eton

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2009-01-26 14:38:08 UTC
From: Stephan Grossklass
Topic: 20 Message: 35

Bit late on this one, but anyway:

--- In SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com, Noël Cotter <unspellable@...> wrote:
>
> Ah! But where do you get a schematic or information about what goes on
> inside an Eton radio?

That takes a bit of luck in this case. The E5 is based on the Degen
DE1103, and a schematic for an early version of that leaked onto
the net back in the day.

> Eton does not seem to be willing to release such
> information, a point that I hold against them.

They're quite tight-lipped about such things, that's true.
That's not entirely without reason though - just consider the E100,
which used to be a Tecsun PL200 and as such a single conversion set
but some time in 2007 was entirely revamped and became dual
conversion with a high 1st IF, and that's what I have.
(A fairly competent little set, I may add, along with its "Grundig"
twin G100, only QC seems to be a little hit and miss. It's a little
larger than a SW22, but still quite compact.)

> For the next radio
> purchase I will be looking up Sony's high end offerings before I
> decide.

sigh About the only "high-end" offerings left are the venerable
ICF-SW7600GR and ICF-SW100 which have been around for quite a
while. While they certainly have their merits (the 7600GR arguably
makes the best compact portable for SSB reception), they're not
miles ahead of the Chinese competition and have some annoyances of
their own (like fairly muffled AM audio, a dim display backlight and
a telescopic antenna not well matched on the lower shortwave bands
in the 7600GR and warbling SSB audio in the SW100, the latter being
common to all Sony sets with 2nd LO fine tuning for 100 Hz tuning
steps, including SW55 and SW07).
My fav for AM use among the various 7600s is the old ICF-SW7600,
unfortunately that one generally needs its electrolytics replaced
(including a change to ceramic in the DC/DC) to restore proper
operation.

Stephan

38. New Sony ICF-SW23

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2009-03-13 20:27:24 UTC
From: superconstellationch
Topic: 38 Message: 38

Just noticed by chance that Sony has launched a successor to the SW22, namely the ICF-SW23.

By looking at the specs, everything seems to be exactly the same as the SW22, except that the Japanese TV channels 1,2 and 3 have been removed from the FM band, which are in a 100-108 Mhz range anyway. This is probably due to the reason that Japanese TV will broadcast in digital in the near future. So, it looks like to be a cosmetic change only, i.e. a SW22 with a new SW23 body.

Enjoy viewing
here:http://www.ecat.sony.co.jp/audio/radio/products/index.cfm?PD=33444&KM=ICF-SW23

Philippe

39. Re: New Sony ICF-SW23

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2009-11-16 08:20:24 UTC
From: kiddisjr
Topic: 38 Message: 39

Thank you Philippe,

price equivilent is $159 usd.

At that price is suspect it is made in JAPAN

Rick
ICF-SW20 owner

40. Re: New Sony ICF-SW23

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2009-11-19 14:45:28 UTC
From: superconstellationch
Topic: 38 Message: 40

Hi Rick,

You are right, it is still made in Japan. I bought one in Japan last May at around JPY 11'000.--. The ICF-SW23 is only available as a domestic version with NSB labels (Radio Nikkei) on the 75m, 49m and 31m bands. The export version (or what Sony calls the 'tourist model', with the 41m band instead of 75m) is also available in Japan but as the ICF-SW22. I bought one, too :)

Philippe

--- In SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com, "kiddisjr" <kennjd@...> wrote:
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> Thank you Philippe,
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> price equivilent is $159 usd.
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> At that price is suspect it is made in JAPAN
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>
> Rick
> ICF-SW20 owner
>

41. ICF-SW20 Wanted

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2009-12-04 01:24:17 UTC
From: eastgaryradio
Topic: 41 Message: 41

If anyone in the group has an ICF-SW20 that they'd like to part with, please e-mail me off list. Lost mine and would like to replace it.

Thanks
Sean

sean@...

42. Re: [SONYICFSW20] ICF-SW20 Wanted

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2009-12-04 23:06:49 UTC
From: slipstick libby
Topic: 41 Message: 42

I have one. Up to this point I never gave any thought to selling it.

I guess it's a question of whether I like the price. I'll have to do a little research to see what I think they are worth.

If you are interested, let me know and I'll furnish a description of the condition and possibly pictures.

For now, suffice to say that I have the box, manual, original earpiece, etc., and every thing works.

From: eastgaryradio <eastgaryradio@...>
To: SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, December 3, 2009 7:24:17 PM
Subject: [SONYICFSW20] ICF-SW20 Wanted

If anyone in the group has an ICF-SW20 that they'd like to part with, please e-mail me off list. Lost mine and would like to replace it.

Thanks
Sean

sean@eastgary. com

44. Want to Buy...

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2010-05-26 16:49:23 UTC
From: miracleantenna
Topic: 44 Message: 44

Hi all -

I would like to buy one of these radios in new or good condition and will pay a decent price. Please get back by direct email - thanks - Robert

45. Attention Jay...

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2010-05-28 12:57:23 UTC
From: miracleantenna
Topic: 45 Message: 45

Hi Jay...

I replied to your email but it came back saying the address was no longer any good..?

The SW22 would be fine. Let me know your price and we'll
make arrangements for shipping and payment.

If you're in a position to take a credit card I can do that. If not, we operate a business and I can process a refund to your credit card for
the appropriate amount. (I know that sounds like the perfect scam
approach, but you can check us out at - www.miracleantenna.com -) . I
can also send you a certified check on our US bank account or a USD
money order if you prefer. (I'm assuming you're in the US).

You can call me at our office toll-free - 866 311 6511 and we can make
the arrangements.

Thanks and looking forward to speaking with you - Robert VA2ERY

46. Re: [SONYICFSW20] Attention Jay...

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2010-06-09 22:46:14 UTC
From: slipstick libby
Topic: 45 Message: 46

I have arrived back from Iowa.

The check has arrived. Credit Union did not deposit it but is waiting for it to clear. I suspect part of the delay will be due to the Canadian banks having a different routing number format so it will be hand processed.

I have a shipping box, so we are progressing.

Noël

From: miracleantenna <waveform@...>
To: SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Fri, May 28, 2010 7:57:23 AM
Subject: [SONYICFSW20] Attention Jay...

Hi Jay...

I replied to your email but it came back saying the address was no longer any good..?

The SW22 would be fine. Let me know your price and we'll
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If you're in a position to take a credit card I can do that. If not, we operate a business and I can process a refund to your credit card for
the appropriate amount. (I know that sounds like the perfect scam
approach, but you can check us out at - www.miracleantenna.com -) . I
can also send you a certified check on our US bank account or a USD
money order if you prefer. (I'm assuming you're in the US).

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the arrangements.

Thanks and looking forward to speaking with you - Robert VA2ERY

47. Sony ICF-SW15

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2010-10-15 04:19:16 UTC
From: mkang
Topic: 47 Message: 47

Hi there:

Come across an used unit on eBay, very much like the SW20/22!

It has a bigger body shell with a larger speaker and running on 3 AA batteries and 4.5 DC jack.

Dual conversion on the SW band spread included 13 to 49 m bands excluding 22m band.

Just to know how on its sensibility and selectivity as compared to earlier analog ICF-7600A? or 7601?

73s
mkang

48. Re: [SONYICFSW20] Sony ICF-SW15

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2010-10-16 00:37:14 UTC
From: Yuting Wan
Topic: 47 Message: 48

SW15 is much lower grade receiver comparing to SW20/22/23 or or the 7600A. I haven't compare the specs but just looking at the designs functions and workmanship. SW15 is also a lot cheaper than the other models when new.

On 15/10/2010, at 3:19 PM, mkang wrote:

> Hi there:
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> Come across an used unit on eBay, very much like the SW20/22!
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> 73s
> mkang
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49. Re: Sony ICF-SW15

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2010-11-03 07:25:00 UTC
From: mkang
Topic: 47 Message: 49

Glad tpo obtain the used unit from the eBay seller.

The body shell is bigger than SW22 and similar size with the later analog SW11. Built quality is immaculate.

Function wise similar to SW22 with SW band spread on same frequency coverage.

Sensitivity and reception is as good as SW22 but with better sound output.

mkang

--- In SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com, Yuting Wan <ywan03@...> wrote:
>
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> > mkang
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50. WRTH Schedules now integrated into SWLog!

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2010-12-25 16:01:26 UTC
From: sillett
Topic: 50 Message: 50

Merry Christmas from Shortwave Log!

It is with great pleasure to announce that the 2011 international and selected target/clandestine schedules from WRTH (World Radio TV Handbook) are now available in Shortwave Log. This is indeed quite the Christmas present!

The WRTH Schedules seamlessly integrate into Shortwave Log and can be directly used to identify stations, to tune the bands, or to browse the data grids.

I must admit that I don't use my ICF-SW20 that much. I'm afraid that I only have 14 logs attributed to it. My ICF-SW20 no longer plays through the speaker. I have to use headphones.

Shortwave Log is soon to celebrate its 20th year! Having started in 1991, the program has expanded over the years into a suite of programs for logging (shortwave and amateur), radio control, recording, QSL management, and enabling receivers to be published online.

Shortwave Log can be downloaded from www.shortwavelog.com

73s and good DXing!

Bob, N3OEA

51. eBay

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2011-12-28 15:35:31 UTC
From: Jay
Topic: 51 Message: 51

There is a Sony ICF SW 20 for sale on eBay if anyone is interested...$119

52. ICF SW20

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2012-06-14 09:51:24 UTC
From: Ravindran
Topic: 52 Message: 52

dear friends...anyone having an ICF SW20 for sale please?

54. ac adapter?

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2013-02-24 04:02:31 UTC
From: Scott X
Topic: 54 Message: 54

Hi .. I bought my SW20 years ago for only $5. At the time, didn't realize what I was getting and am pretty thankful I have it now.

My question is, I see they used to make an ac adapter for this ... but where does it plug in? The only jack I see is for earphones.

Please excuse my ignorance, I know very little about this radio ... Thanks,

Scott

55. Re: ac adapter?

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2013-02-24 23:07:13 UTC
From: J
Topic: 54 Message: 55

Scott...welcome to the group. The icf-sw20 works on battery only...no AC

--- In SONYICFSW20@yahoogroups.com, "Scott X" <lespaulstandar@...> wrote:
>
> Hi .. I bought my SW20 years ago for only $5. At the time, didn't realize what I was getting and am pretty thankful I have it now.
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> My question is, I see they used to make an ac adapter for this ... but where does it plug in? The only jack I see is for earphones.
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> Please excuse my ignorance, I know very little about this radio ... Thanks,
>
> Scott
>

56. Cabinet rear broken.

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2015-02-25 23:12:04 UTC
From: laedcar@...
Topic: 56 Message: 56

Hi there!

Nice to joint the group, I'v had this rig for more than 25 years with excellent results, it is a very sensitive radio and even thought that, being a DX fan, I have another 5 or 6 SW radios, I love it; is perfect when on vacations or on the go.
I'm very sad because I broke the cabinet rear beyond repair.
The part I need is: 3-900-161-01 Cabinet (Rear).
I'm looking for the part, or one radio (in no working condition) to canibalize.
I'll apreciate any help about.
Best Regards,
Lazaro.

57. Re: Cabinet rear broken.

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2016-12-06 22:12:01 UTC
From: swradiofreak@...
Topic: 56 Message: 57

Did you find a cabinet rear ?

58. Re: [SONYICFSW20] Re: Cabinet rear broken.

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2016-12-06 22:13:21 UTC
From: Gary Packer
Topic: 56 Message: 58

?? Rear cabinet?

On Dec 6, 2016 5:12 PM, "swradiofreak@... [SONYICFSW20]" <
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59. Re: [SONYICFSW20] Re: Cabinet rear broken.

Yahoo group: SONYICFSW20
Date: 2016-12-06 22:52:13 UTC
From: Gary Packer
Topic: 56 Message: 59

I don't know what this is pertaining to

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